

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Shannon V. Davidson et al.
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Group Art Unit: 2191
Confirmation No.: 7500
Examiner: Ted T. Vo
Title: *System and Method for Topology-Aware Job Scheduling and
Backfilling in an HPC Environment*

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Dear Sir:

Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action sent 31 October 2008, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following.